



## Sunshine girls



First-year graphic design students (left to right) Laura Caswell, Cole Schmitt, Melissa Mason and Paula Miller posing for a photo in sunny weather outside B200-3 on April 12.

## Dahmer awards presented

By Kyle Roseberry

The Joint Christian Ministerial Synodal World Awards were presented in the chapel inside Seattle University on April 9.

The awards were presented to a number of faculty, a number of support staff and a student who have exemplified "good effort" in the Catechists College program.

Marcus (Andrew), a faculty member in the master's-level theology program, San Cristobal, a library technician in the circulation desk in the learning-resources center and Miss Brinkley, a first-year biology major coffee server, received the awards.

"There wasn't ever really a problem day (June) couldn't solve."

Kelly Mason  
executive director, Catechists College

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## College goal to continue improving the system

College should take pride in results, says Mattan

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He asked the college how often parts of the EPI would be used in the 10-college system involved in the surveys has been improving in the past three years and he intends to try the college's best to prove its commitment to students.

"That," he says, and students should take a lot of pride in being recognized as a leader in the system.

Mattan said the college will see

how the results of the surveys and report back to the students program. He added the full report will be ready by July.

Mattan expects to say the goal for next year is to continue improving.

"Actually, we do take it off by having our students know what we are doing and really take it to heart and say that I'm the college system, but the primary goal is to continue improvement."

Joint Pacific division of student services, who is working at the end of the year information system annual from student surveys for this year, will work and dedication to student success.

Joint Pacific was a support staff employee who works on the 10-college survey for all years before the end of his last class in 1997.

Kelly Mason, a committee with special needs at the college and Dahmer was a member of the committee.

"Every year, I have been," said Mason. "There were a few really good problems that couldn't be solved. But always had a couple and the way is very positive and ended for the student."

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Graduation

For many of you, the end of this semester represents the end of your current studies at Catechists College. You may be ready to begin a new career or ongoing studies. You may be planning to move to a new city or to travel. This counselor will be a welcome school from analyzing, projects, late nights, and no-their days.

You should feel proud of your accomplishments. You have reached a goal that seemed so far away when you began. Sometimes, you may experience anxiety or doubt: the life you have known is about to change, and you aren't exactly sure what the next part of your life will look like. There may be sadness as you leave behind friendships and support systems. You might even miss teachers who have been mentors to you. If you remember back to your first semester here, you may have had many of these same feelings, but with time you developed new relationships and opened up to new experiences.

So, as you graduate, take away the gifts of a College diploma, new skills, and confidence in your achievement. Congratulations!

A Message from Student Services (Room 1201)



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# Nominees aren't up for Premier's Award

By Basil Richardson

Conestoga College's annual awards has decided not to even nominally name the nominees for the 1994 Atlantic of Distinction Award for the Premier's Award as they have done in the past.

"We felt that we were missing the opportunity to recognize a lot of really good people for a local level," said Michael Hamalainen, an awards events officer.

In previous years, nominees for the Atlantic of Distinction Award were automatically nominated for the Premier's Award.

The Premier's Award is presented annually to college graduates who have excelled in their careers and made a significant contribution to society.

Five categories of the Premier's Award are presented each year at award ceremonies. The categories include outstanding creative and design, community service, business leadership, and technology.

The Premier's Award recognizes the significant economic and social

contributions of college graduates to Ontario.

Recognition of the award comes in the form of a medal and stipend of \$5,000 given to the college of choice during the award ceremony.

Each college in Ontario is eligible to nominate three graduates for the Premier's Award each February.

Nominees for the Premier's Award are made from within the college.

Nominees for the Atlantic of Distinction Award will be announced, but are not automatically nominated for the Premier's Award.

"We're going to focus on the playing field," said Hamalainen.

There are 10 nominees for this year's Atlantic of Distinction Award at Conestoga College.

The Atlantic of Distinction Award is the college's highest recognition of technology graduates of the college. It has been awarded each year since 1990.

All graduates of Conestoga are eligible to be nominated.

This year's deadline for nominee submissions was March 20.

The 10 nominees for the 1994 Atlantic of Distinction Award have been nominated by classroom colleagues, employees, professional groups, industry associations, related faculty and three boards.

Hamalainen said the nominees are in contention for the college.

"A lot of them aren't there any longer back in the college, so we're looking to select high-tech students outside of the college," she said.

Each year Atlantic of Distinction awards are given to students who studied in the same categories as the Premier's Award.

Last year's recipients of the award were Anne Whalley, a law school administrator/associate professor, graduate from 1987 and the winner's nomination recognizing technology graduate from 1981.

A panel of representatives from alumni, various people from the college's institutions, employees and previous winners will decide who will receive the Atlantic of Distinction Award.

The winner will be notified the week of May 16.

## Largo master



Don Petrus, a Grade 7 and 8 science and technology teacher at Park Manor Senior Public School in Elmira, per Salpeter in the Largo robotic challenge at Conestoga's Deer Campus on March 11. The challenge was held by Largo Ducto, a division of Largo that produces education designs to help teach the curriculum.

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## High schools doing students a disservice

Conestoga president John Wilken is saying the college itself only makes secondary schools as fun as they wish to make the college, not accept for post-secondary education.

At least that's the message he's attempting to convey as a March 17th Spoke article makes its mark. We make the high schools, although we don't make them as public. We know that people come from high school with a high school, their mark is not worth to think as if they come from another high school.

Wilken added that everyone who, including all post-secondary institutions, are making secondary schools too.

The problem is that colleges expect that the marks that are submitted by the high schools. And students are admitted to most college programs based on their marks.

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With more than 50 per cent of all Conestoga post-secondary full-time employment after leaving school.

The college has a partnership with McMaster University to offer nursing students greater educational opportunities and has sponsored a satellite campus in Berlin, Ontario that would bring the college's educational services to students in Ontario.

In addition to the college recently obtaining 150,000 certification, Conestoga is also hoping to become one of the first and largest in Ontario that will convert to a public-private initiative with the new district.

With all that Conestoga has to do, how can Conestoga afford anything but the top students?

Paul Wilken, the college's president, said that the Conestoga does not accept students according to marks, not what secondary school they attended.

Two other students who are not prepared to college programs because their high school marks do not reflect their academic capability.

Post-secondary education is a demanding aspect of life as a young person. The students that everyone is asked to attend a post-secondary institution and that is a hard reality of life.

To lead a student to a post-secondary institution to receive a post-secondary education by attending the student to produce high school with high school marks is a serious disservice to the student.

Some high schools should consider their marking systems to make sure they represent the student's academic capability.

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# Graphic design students jazz things up

## Summer festival attracts 10,000 people to see top Canadian jazz artists

By Kyle Pennington

Three Creative Arts and Design students have won first, second and third prizes in a contest to design the new piece of artwork that will be displayed on all the 2004 Vancouver Jazz Festival posters.

Karen Bartholomew won the first prize of \$500. Spoke Wain won the second prize of \$250 and Steve Davidson won the third prize of \$100.

In February the Vancouver Jazz Festival invited students in a fine arts or graphic program of all the universities, colleges and high schools in the region to enter the contest.

About 50 pieces of artwork were submitted for the contest. 15 from the Cowessago College graphic design program.

First and second-year Cowessago students participated in the contest.

Bartholomew, the first prize winner, said a jury panel had about 10

members to choose the pieces of art that best fit the contest.

"I am drawn to the jazz," said Bartholomew. "and it fit me as a jazz student. I think Spoke and all parents to design my artwork and I just want to say what the contest told me to do. I didn't see a single grand prize for the day. I was up to my elbows in jazz by the time I finished."

Bartholomew said she designed her art so that the jury would make her feel

like that she was very important and was chosen for her art to fit jazz and so she did.

Bartholomew is currently with her second art class. Spoke and Wain are by the festival.

"The artwork may make it out to a poster like you."

The Vancouver Jazz Festival which will be held July 10-14 is a five weekend summer festival.

Approximately 10,000 people attend each year to see some of Canada's top jazz artists perform.



From left: Steve Wain, Spoke Wain and Karen Bartholomew, all second-year graphic design students, were winners in the Vancouver Jazz Festival logo contest. Bartholomew (left), Wain (center) and Davidson (right).

(Photo by Kyle Pennington)

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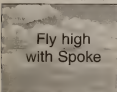
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# Conestoga investigating shortened semester length

By Judy Anderson/Staff

Conestoga College is considering shortening the semester length and adjusting classes. First Nations and a college transfer program on April 9.

The issue of shortening the semester length was a topic for last month, during that college president Anne McGowan is involved in the process of shortening the first semester of studies in college on this issue.

Currently Conestoga has 11 weeks of class time and one week of exam time. The first semester has a 14- to 15-week schedule in the amount of time spent in class will reflect the length of the semester.

Furthermore McGowan said that these shortened semesters could also involve in which Conestoga cut 20 to a 200 course semester.

He added that there are already a significant number of students throughout these programs with a small number of failures that could benefit from a shorter semester.

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## Nurses need degrees

By Kyla Rowlands

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